THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In a paper on "Safety Evaluation on Toilet Soaps, Bathing Bars and Synthetic Detergents" presented by a BIS Scientist at the Seminar on "Toxicology—Status Trends and Prospects" organised by Shriram Institute for Industrial Research on 31st March, 1993 at New Delhi, it was stated that so far, no third party testing and certification of toilet soaps for their quality and safety under the Scheme of Ecomark has been done by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

(c) As per Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, steps have been initiated to include toilet soaps and certain other soaps in Schedule 'S' to the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945, which stipulates that products listed in the Schedule shall conform to the Indian Standard Specifications laid down by BIS from time to time.

(d) and (e) No report regarding production of sub-standard soaps has been received.

Disposal of widow pension

*258. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARAYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of pensioners' cases are pending in various departments/Ministries of Government for a long time;

(b) whether large number of such cases have been referred by the Members of Parliament;

(c) whether Government propose to direct the concerned bodies to process and finalise the cases expediously; and

(d) the number and details of cases received during past two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) 58 cases of (widow) family pension were referred to this Ministry by Members of Parliament during the past 2 years. Final replies have been given in 51 cases and 7 cases are pending with other Ministries/State Governments who are being regularly reminded for expeditious settlement of the cases. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972 lay down in detail the steps to be taken by Heads of Offices for the prompt authorisation of family pension.

Revision of drug prices without cost-cum-technical study by the BICP

*259. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1987 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1993 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of a large number of bulk drugs have been revised during the last two years without any cost-cum-technical study by the BICP:

(b) whether it is also a fact that in case of number of drugs prices were increased even when it was known that there was no cost-cum-technical study or even on the basis of out dated-cost-cum-technical study; and

(c) what are the details of all those bulk drugs where instances of this type have come to the notice of Government during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Fixation or revision of price of a bulk drug is done in accordance with the provisions of para 3 of